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The attached personal letter contains my request that the DOJ conclude their efforts to settle the litigation with Microsoft.

Best regards, Marvin G. Norman

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing because I am a steadfast supporter of free market enterprise, and of Microsoft's freedom to dictate its own business practices in the pursuit of success. Therefore, I am urging you to finalize the settlement reached in November in your office's antitrust case against the company.

The lawsuit was originated and continued by Microsoft competitors who tried to win market share via the court system. Those companies should have been more concerned with manufacturing the best product possible; however, the terms of the settlement will ensure that Microsoft gives them more of a shot to claim more of the market. Disclosing parts of Windows' internal interfaces and no longer requiring computer makers to bundle other Microsoft products will give everyone a fair chance to come out ahead.

I am not a Microsoft shareholder. I simply believe in their right to control their destiny, and as such, I implore you to settle the case at once.

Sincerely,

Marvin G. Norman